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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

City Government Offices Close July 4

City government offices will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Additionally, city facilities, including the Sherwood Community Center, also will be closed. For information, call 703-273-1776.

The General District Court will close July 4-5; call 703-385-7866.

Due to Independence Day activities, there will be no CUE Bus service July 4; call 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. For information, call 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim will be closed July 4. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected July 4. Regular Thursday and Friday collection will be provided Friday, July 5. For information, call 703-385-7837.

Final Budget Available

The adopted budget for fiscal year 2013-14 is available July 1 for download on the city's website.

Additionally, a limited number of copies are available in Room 312 in City Hall or by calling 703-385-7870.

The document also will be available for review in the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room, 10360 North Street.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Celebrate Independence Day With the City of Fairfax July 4

Join in the fun, excitement and hometown tradition of Independence Day in the City of Fairfax.

Among the festivities planned July 4 are a parade, firefighter games, history exhibits and tours, and an evening show featuring live music and fireworks.

Parade — The 47th annual Independence Day Parade steps off at 10 a.m. at Route 123 at the Massey Building driveway, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, and loops through Old Town Fairfax. This year, the parade theme is "We the People."

Among the features of this year's parade are 10 high school marching bands from as far west as Nebraska and

Minnesota, as well as the city's own Marching Rebels from Fairfax High School. Other parade participants include horses, clowns and large inflatable parade balloons.

The parade grand marshal is the Honorable Quin S. Elson, who steered the early formation and maturation of the Fairfax Police Youth Club as its president in 1968 and has served on its corporate board for nearly three decades.

The parade will be shown live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, daily July 4-31 and is available on the city website to view and download — or watch the parade

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New Crosswalk Lights Near Courthouse Alert Drivers to Pedestrian Presence

Pedestrians are safer when drivers see them crossing the street. To aid in this endeavor, the city has installed a light system at the crosswalk on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road that automatically detects the presence of a pedestrian at the curb and flashes a bright light to alert drivers.

An overhead sensor on the light on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road near the Fairfax County Courthouse (*pictured, right*) detects pedestrians as they approach the crosswalk. This triggers

flashing LED lights to alert drivers in both northbound and southbound lanes on Route 123 to the pedestrians' presence.

Pedestrians must wait until it is safe to enter the crosswalk.

This device is not a traffic light and does not require vehicles to stop. However, drivers are reminded to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

The light system is one of only three such devices in the region. For information, call 703-385-7889.



Independence Day Activities

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program on the city's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/cityoffairfaxva.

Copies of the televised program will be available for purchase and loan (see page 5 for information).

Fireman's Day — Watch the region's fire companies compete using firefighting techniques and equipment at the *Old Fashioned Fireman's Day* beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Historic Open Houses — Several historic properties will be open to the public July 4, including the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street (open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street (open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

Evening Show, Fireworks — The *Evening Show* at 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School features a children's entertainment area, fireworks and music by the City of Fairfax Band and *GrooveLine* (music from the 50s to today's current hits).

Parking, Shuttle Buses — Parade shuttle bus service runs 8:30-10:30 a.m. and after the parade ends until 1:30 p.m. from George Mason University, Woodson High School and Fairfax United Methodist Church.

For the evening show, shuttle buses will run 6-9:15 p.m. from Woodson High School and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks.

Handicapped parking is available at Fairfax High School for the evening show.

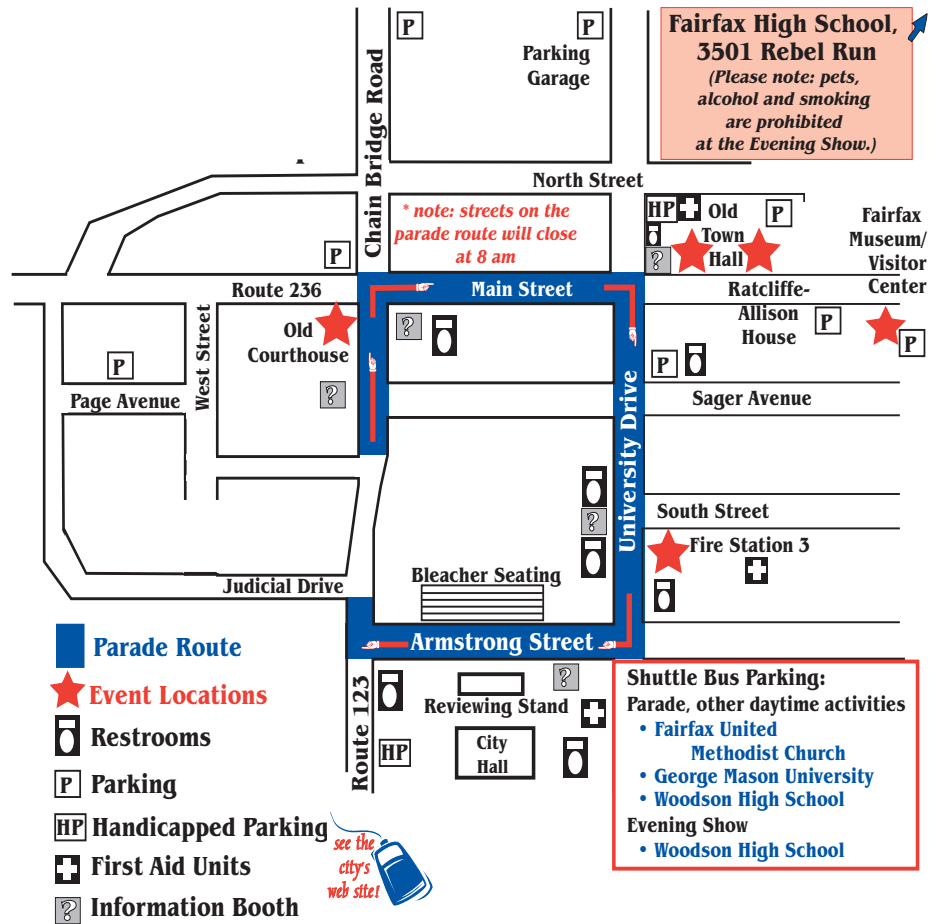
For information about handicapped parking, call 703-385-7858.

Rain date — The rain date for fireworks only is July 5. In this case, shuttle buses will run from 7-9:15 p.m. from Woodson High School for fireworks only and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks. Old Lee Highway road closures also will be in effect from about 9:15-11 p.m. after the fireworks.

Sponsors, Information — Sponsors include 97.1 WASH-FM and Fair City Mall. Download a copy of the program from the city's website. For information visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

Independence Day Highlights July 4, 2013

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Open House, 10209 Main Street
- 10 a.m. to noon 47th annual Independence Day Parade (*rain or shine*)
- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 10386 Main Street
- 12:30-4 p.m. Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive
- 7-10:30 p.m. Evening show at Fairfax High School stadium, 3501 Rebel Run (*rain date for fireworks only is July 5*)



Traffic Detoured July 4 for Celebrations

Detours will be in effect July 4 for Independence Day activities. For information, call 703-385-7975.

Independence Day Parade — Vehicles and pedestrians traveling on Route 236/Main Street will be detoured to North Street from 8 a.m. until after the parade concludes (around noon).

Also at that time, affected portions of University Drive, George Mason Boulevard and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road traffic will be rerouted and parking will be restricted on those roads.

Fireman's Day — University Drive will close from Sager Avenue to Armstrong Street from about noon to 4 p.m. for the Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Evening Show — To allow spectators to exit from Fairfax High School after the evening show, no through-traffic will be permitted from about 9:15 p.m. to about 11 p.m. on Old Lee Highway.

If the fireworks are postponed to July 5, the Old Lee Highway detours will be in effect at that time.

Old Town Open Space Plans Scheduled for Approval July 23

The City Council is scheduled to approve proposed improvements to three parcels in Old Town Fairfax, including the expansion of Kitty Pozer Garden, at its July 23 City Council meeting.

The city has contracted with consultants to create plans based on concepts approved by the City Council. The parcels are in central Old Town, including Kitty Pozer Garden and George Mason Square, as well as improvements at parking lots adjacent to these properties.

The consultants also provided plans for improvements at the parking lot and

at the corner of Route 236/Main Street and East Street (former Amoco site) and proposed a masonry-faced concrete wall along the south side of North Street east of Route 123/Chain Bridge Road.

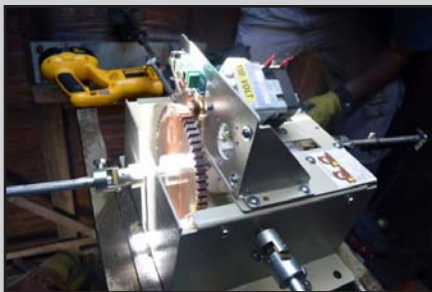
Plans for these proposed improvements are available on the city website and in the Community Development and Planning Office in City Hall Annex Room 207.

The July 23 City Council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex. For information, call 703-385-7930.

Keeping Time, Once Again



Since 1962, the City Hall clock tower has been an indelible image of the City of Fairfax. In June, after six months of stillness — and at a fraction the cost anticipated — the clock was repaired. (Photos: Rob Goodman, City of Fairfax)



NVTC Holds Public Hearing on Proposed Regional Transportation Projects July 24

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) and the City of Fairfax invite the public to learn about and comment on proposed transportation projects in Northern Virginia during a public hearing to be held at 6 pm July 24 in the City Hall Annex.

Cityscreen-12 will televise the public hearing live, and it will be replayed; see the schedule on page 5. Viewers also may watch the public hearing on the Internet; the program will be archived on the city's website under "Special Programming" and available on the city's YouTube

channel.

This is the second public hearing on the matter, and NVTA will publish a final list of proposed projects on its website, [www. The NoVaAuthority.org](http://www.TheNoVaAuthority.org), by July 10. The city-related project on the original proposed list is the widening and improvements to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road from Fairfax Boulevard to Eaton Place.

Comments on proposed projects are accepted at the public hearing and via e-mail at fy14projects@thenovaauthority.org.

For information, call 703-385-7889.



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Toter Cans an Option for City Residents

Residents who receive trash and recycling disposal service from the city may use the larger, wheeled "toter"-type containers for the curbside disposal of yard waste, recycling or general household trash.

Please clearly identify on each container what it contains — yard waste, trash, recyclables — so refuse and recycling crews can easily and quickly remove their contents.

Also, consider marking the home address on cans to prevent loss. The city is not responsible for damaged or missing trash containers.

Please do not mix items in the cans, as the city cannot accept or dispose of mixed content, and place concrete at the curb for disposal (not in trash cans).

The city provides blue recycling bins upon request to city residents who receive recycling service from the city government.

Contractors Must Carry Away Their Debris

Contractors who work on a residence or business must dispose of their own debris, from yard waste to cement.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items the city collects in its blue curbside bins.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

**City business owners:
stay in the know!
Sign up for
"Business News"
via eMAS at
emas.fairfaxva.gov.**

Chocolate Lovers Festival Date Changes to February in 2014

The next Chocolate Lovers Festival will be held February 1-2, 2014. *Please note the date.*

When the festival began in 1993, it was held in February. A major snowstorm in February 2010 buried the City of Fairfax and prompted the festival committee to reschedule it for March that year, where it remained through 2013.

For information, visit www.chocolate-festival.net or call 703-385-1661.

Businesses: Beware Utility Bill Scam

Business owners, beware: a new scam involving utility bill payments is being reported in the city.

City business owners report receiving phone calls from "a representative of the power company." The caller threatens to cut power to the businesses unless the business owners purchase debit cards to pay past-due balances then provide the card numbers within an hour.

This is false: Dominion Power will never make this request of customers.

Anyone who receives a similar phone call should contact the City of Fairfax Police Department immediately at 703-385-7924.

Always verify information before submitting any funds outside of a regular payment schedule. Confirm unsolicited billing or service notice by contacting the utility company directly at a reliable phone number, such as a published customer service number.

Fire Department Honors Fallen Firefighters

The City of Fairfax Fire Department joined other local jurisdictions to honor four fallen members of the Houston Fire Department at a public memorial service June 5 in Houston, Texas.

Regional fire departments sent an honor guard to Houston to represent the metropolitan Washington region in support of the Houston Fire Department and the members' families.

The public memorial service remembered four Houston Fire Department members killed in a hotel fire in Houston May 31. The hotel roof collapsed while the firefighters were searching for occupants believed to be inside the building.



City Helps Floor Main Street With Home Depot Foundation

Main Street Child Development Center, located in the Green Acres Center, updated its existing flooring in the facility. The project was funded by the Home Depot Foundation and the City of Fairfax. Home Depot of Fairfax team members spent several days in June installing new flooring in the classrooms and office reception area.

The Home Depot Foundation assists nonprofit organizations through grants, partnerships with local nonprofit organizations and Home Depot workers to repair and refurbish facilities that serve disadvantaged families and individuals. (Photo courtesy Main Street Child Development Center)

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies: mechanical/plumbing, fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for alternate position for a city resident) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
- **Commission for Women** (one vacancy for city resident) — Identifies and advocates for the needs of women in the city. Promotes programs to increase awareness and provide services to the community. Open to men and women. Meets on the third Tuesday of the month.
- **Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Heightens awareness of the need for donations.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board** (one Council designee position) — Identifies and promotes partnerships in support of joint university-community initiatives; provides advice and counsel to the university administration concerning community-university issues and relations; and addresses and resolves issues of community and university concern.
- **Northern Virginia Community College Board** (one vacancy for a city resident) — Provides local leadership and approves items to be recommended to the state community college board.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. The city is committed to equal opportunity in all programs, services, activities and appointments. Information: 703-385-7935.



JULY CABLE SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Experience the commemoration and reenactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House. In July, *The Fairfax Scene* plays at 6 pm daily and also at 2 pm July 1 -3. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

2013 Independence Day Parade

Live coverage of the parade begins at 10 am July 4. Through July, the parade replays at 2 pm daily, and at 10 am and 7 pm on days when no meetings are scheduled to replay.

The program also will be archived online under "special programming" and will be available on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, July 1, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 2, 10 am, 7 pm;
Thursday, July 4, 7 pm
Monday, July 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, July 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, July 18, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 2

Planning Commission Meetings

Monday, July 8, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 9, 10 am
Thursday, July 11, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 9

Monday, July 22, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 23, 10 am
Thursday, July 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 23

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 10, 7 pm
Friday, July 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, July 13, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 14, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 10
OnDEMAND replay begins July 14

Tuesday, July 23, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 24, 10 am and following the NVTA meeting
Friday, July 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, July 27, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 24
OnDEMAND replay begins July 29

NVTA Public Hearing

Thursday, June 24, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: July 29 - August 4, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 25

Program Copies Available

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on DVD from the City Manager's Office (703-385-7855; information@fairfaxva.gov) or the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room (703-293-6227, ext. 6). DVDs of some Cityscreen-12 programs, including the parade, may be purchased for \$15 each; call 703-385-7803 or e-mail rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov.

Programming is subject to change — see Cityscreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.

Proposed Agendas for School Board, Planning Commission, City Council

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

July 1 regular meeting and work session

- Joint work session with Parks and Recreation strategic planning consultant.
- Annual School Board Organization.
- Update of capital and administrative accounts.
- Approval of minutes for the June 3, 2013 School Board meeting.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

July 8 regular meetings

- Public hearing on proposed zoning text amendments to establish or amend regulations pertaining to clinics, medical care facilities, medical offices, offices and hospitals

July 22 regular meetings

- No agenda items have been set.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

July 9 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearing on proposed zoning text amendments to establish or amend regulations pertaining to clinics, medical care facilities, medical offices, offices and hospitals.
- Discussions: on whether to permit limited archery hunting to control the deer population in the city; of photo red-light camera program.

July 23 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearings: on a request for a special exception at 3775 Pickett Road; on a request for a special exception for a parking reduction at 11143 Lee Highway; on a request for a special use permit for pizza delivery at 11143 Lee Highway.
- Consideration to award a contract for photo red-light camera program.
- Discussion of the proposed design for the downtown park (Kitty Pozer expansion).

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.



CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

May 14, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance authorizing the grant of a permanent drainage easement to the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation on certain real property owned by the City of Fairfax in Loudoun County.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the application of Seventeenth Carr – Layton Hall Limited Partnership for amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to extend the Northern Boundary of the Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District at 10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive.
- Approved, unanimously, the application of Seventeenth Carr-Layton Hall Limited Partnership to rezone from RM Multifamily to RPD(p), Residential Planned Development (With Proffers) and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District with proffers; and approve variances to reduce the minimum open space setback of at least 25 feet around the external walls of any structure required by City Code, and to permit the coverage by all impervious surfaces to exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage 50-percent of the gross tract area required by City Code subject to the general development plan/preliminary site plan revised through April 25, 2013 and proffers dated May 14, 2013 at 10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive.
- Approved, unanimously, the request of Seventeenth Carr-Layton Hall Limited Partnership for a special use permit to allow redevelopment and grading in the floodplain at 10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, the resolution to approve with two conditions the special exception requests of Seventeenth Carr-Layton Hall Limited Partnership to increase the maximum wall height of 43 feet to a maximum wall height of up to 70 feet; reduce the minimum required front yard to as little as zero feet; reduce the minimum required side yard to as little as 10 feet; increase the maximum allowed floor area for buildings and above-grade parking structures to 122 percent; reduce the required parking from 2.0 spaces per unit to 1.6 spaces per unit; and allow encroachment and development in the resource protection area for redevelopment of the property

being zoned to the RPD Residential Planned Development District and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District located at 10320-10340 Layton Hall Drive, with conditions.

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of a resolution to approve the request by Liberty Property Trust, for a special exception to City Code to allow a tenant sign at a height greater than 3.5 feet above the finished floor level of the second story of a multistory office building at 10306 Eaton Place, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to grant a franchise, for a term of 20 years, to Dominion Virginia Power, to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and repairing electricity facilities.
- Approved, 5-1, to grant a franchise, for a term of 15 years, to Verizon Virginia LLC, to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the city for the purpose of construction, maintaining and repairing telecommunication facilities. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Meyer, Greenfield and Stombres; opposed: Councilmember Schmidt.*)

May 28, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for personal property tax relief in the City of Fairfax for the 2013 tax year; consideration of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board; consideration of an award of maintenance contract to American Contracting & Environmental Services, Inc. and to FJ Industrial, LLC in separate amounts not to exceed \$100,000 for the mechanical and general maintenance of the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant for the remainder of calendar year 2013; introduction of appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Water, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town and Commercial Real Estate Transportation Tax Funds in order to implement the fiscal year 2013-14 budget beginning July 1, 2013; introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$823,738 for

fiscal year 2012-13 nondiscretionary expenditures; introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$275,336 for fiscal year 2012-13 federal and state grant expenditures.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt a resolution to deny the request for a special exception to reduce the canopy coverage on a lot in the R-2 Residential District at 10512 Oak Place.
 - Approved, unanimously, to rezoning the subject property from R-2 Residential to P-D(p), planned development with proffers subject to the general development plan/preliminary site plan revised through May 14, 2013, and zoning variances to waive the minimum 200 square feet of commercial gross floor area for every dwelling unity, and to reduce the minimum open space setback of at least 20 feet around the external walls of any structure required on the premises at 3601 Jermantown Road and 10823 and 10825 Carol Street including a modification to the general development plan by deleting the deceleration lane.
 - Approved, unanimously, the application for subdivision ordinance variances to provide relief from provision of a cul-de-sac at the end of a dead-end street; to allow an asphalt trail instead of a concrete sidewalk on Jermantown Road; and to reduce the width of a portion of a private accessway from 30 feet to 24 feet at 3601 and 3603 Jermantown Road, subject to the condition that development be in substantial conformance with the proffered General Development Plan/Preliminary Site Plan.
 - Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the grant of a permanent drainage easement to the commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation on certain real property owned by the city located in Loudoun County identified as GPIN # 197-39-9758-000.
- ## Items not requiring a public hearing
- Approved, unanimously, the award for the Fairfax Boulevard and Little River Turnpike Waterline replacements project to Arthur Construction Company, Inc. for \$914,324.40 for the Fairfax Boulevard and Little River Turnpike Waterline Replacements project, provided that the contract is acceptable to the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney.

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

July 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Please be aware: a portion of Patriot Circle on the George Mason University Fairfax campus will be closed July 1 through August 15. Information: building.gmu.edu 703-993-1000</p> <p>7 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets</p> <p>14 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>Songs and Stories of the Red, White and Blue</i>, 2 pm, Old Town Hall</p> <p>21 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday recycling event, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station</p> <p>28 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets</p> | <p>1  School Board meeting and work session, 6 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>8  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>15 In case you missed it: The 2013 Independence Day Parade will be replayed daily in July on Cityscreen-12 and can be viewed on the city's website and YouTube channel beginning July 5.</p> <p>22  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)</p> <p>29  Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a GOING AWAY PARTY</p> | <p>2 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>9  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>16 Commission for Women meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>23  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library</p> <p>30  Tri-Fire Kids Race is set for August 18 — sign up now at teamtrifire.org. Information: wenglish@fairfaxfire.org, 703-273-6269.</p> | <p>3 InterService Club Council, noon, Red Lobster Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p> <p>10 Environmental Sustainability Committee, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center</p> <p>17 Economic Development Authority meeting, 5:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p> <p>24  Northern Virginia Transportation Authority public hearing and outreach meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex</p> <p>31 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.</p> | <p>4  Independence Day Trash and recyclables are not collected Independence Day Activities — see page 1 Independence Day Parade, 10 am, LIVE City government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; Blenheim closed</p> <p>11 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center <i>Children's Concert with the City of Fairfax Band</i>, 7:30 pm, Veterans Amphitheater</p> <p>18 City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex <i>Main Street Community Band</i>, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater</p> <p>25 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex <i>City of Fairfax Band</i>, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater</p> <p> Do members of your household know where to meet away from home in an emergency? What will happen to your pets? Make sure everyone knows — make a plan!</p> | <p>5 Thursday and Friday regular trash and recyclable routes are collected General District Court closed Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Concert: <i>Summer Plaza Series</i>, 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza</p> <p>12 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>The Princess and the Frog</i>, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center (food donations accepted for Our Daily Bread) Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 Concert: <i>Summer Plaza Series</i>, 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza</p> <p>19 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Concert: <i>Summer Plaza Series</i>, 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza</p> <p>26 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Concert: <i>Summer Plaza Series</i>, 7:30 pm, Old Town Plaza</p> | <p>6 Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm</p> <p>13 Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm, Sherwood Community Center</p> <p>20 Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Secure document shredding event, 8 am to noon, Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours offered 11 am to 2 pm</p> <p>27 Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison guided tours Old Town Fairfax Guided Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House Civil War Interpretive Center Series: <i>Unknown or Unfamiliar Civil War Incidents in Fairfax</i> 2 pm, Historic Blenheim</p> |

Helpful Phone Numbers

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| City government information..... | 703-385-7855 |
| City News and Events Line..... | 703-273-1776 |
| Arts and Cultural Events Line..... | 703-352-ARTS |
| City of Fairfax Regional Library | 703-293-6227 |
| Civil War Interpretive Center..... | 703-591-0560 |
| Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center | 703-385-8414 |
| FHS Sports Line..... | 703-749-8130 |
| George Mason University events..... | 703-993-1056 |
| Information is subject to last-minute change. | |



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues July 12; Food Donations Accepted

Watch *The Princess and the Frog* for free at 7 p.m. July 12 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

History Programs Scheduled

Discover Fairfax history through two special programs this month.

Enjoy the musical presentation of *Songs and Stories of the Red, White and Blue* at 2 p.m. July 14 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. For information and reservations, call 703-385-8414.

Learn about *Unknown or Unfamiliar Civil War Incidents in Fairfax County* at 2 p.m. July 27 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Step into Fairfax History This Summer

Learn about city history by strolling in Old Town Fairfax, the heart of Northern Virginia.

A guided walking tour is offered at 11 a.m. July 27, August 24, September 14 and October 26.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Meet at the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street (which has free guided tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October).

For information, call 703-385-8414.

Sign up for Legacy of Fairfax Golf Tournament August 19

Golfers are invited to participate in the 2013 Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament August 19 at the Army Navy Country Club.

Legacy for Fairfax is a non-profit organization that accepts contributions in the form of tax-deductible gifts and naming opportunities for the city's community center and parks, trails and facility equipment.

For information, visit www.legacyforfairfax.org or call 703-385-7858.

Summer Concert Series Held Thursdays in July; Plaza Series Continues Fridays Through August

Spend summer evenings at free concerts in the city.

Guests must provide their own seating. Concerts may be cancelled in case of inclement weather; check Cityscreen-12 or the city website. For information, call 703-352-ARTS.

"Friday at the Plaza" Series continues at 7:30 p.m. Fridays through August 30 at Old Town Plaza, 3995 Chain Bridge Road. Please check the city website and Cityscreen-12 for the concert schedule.

Summer Concert Series, Veterans Amphitheater (adjacent to City Hall):

July 11 7:30 p.m. ... *Children's Concert with the City of Fairfax Band*

July 18 8 p.m. *Main Street Community Band*

July 25 8 p.m. *City of Fairfax Band*



For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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